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**REQUEST FOR RESTARTING THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

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Sir:

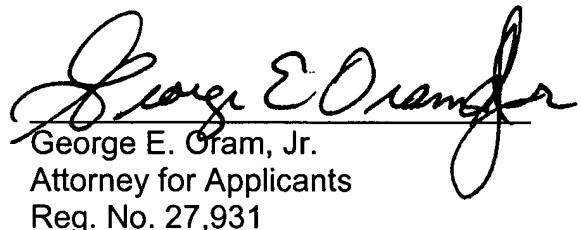
The Applicants respectfully request a restart of the time period in which to respond to the Office Action "dated" April 9, 2002. This date is inconsistent with the remainder of the Action. Our office dated stamped the Office Action as being received on September 20, 2002 (see attached). Page 10 of the Office Action containing the Examiner's signature is dated September 12, 2002. In addition, the Action refers to Paper No. 6 (copy attached) as date stamped August 8, 2002. The copy of the PTO-1449 filed with the IDS of August 8, 2002 is date stamped by the PTO mailroom as received August 8, 2002 and date stamped by TC 1700 on August 13, 2002. Further, the Examiner considered the art from Paper No. 6 on September 12, 2002, as evidenced by his signature and dating. Thus, it is impossible for this Office Action to have been issued April 9, 2002.

In view of the above facts, it is respectfully requested that the Patent and Trademark Office issue a new Office Action in the subject application as soon as possible.

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respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy C. Vanoy whose telephone number is 703-308-2540. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 hr. days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman, can be reached at phone no. 703-308-3837. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

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